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Microsoft has systematically killed free market competition in the software marketplace. Please don't give them permission to rape and pillage in the education market, with their "big software giveaway."

My husband and I both work in Silicon Valley's high tech industry, and we continue to be amazed at how they stifle creativity in the marketplace.

First, my husband worked for SGI on pen-based computing. No outside ventures would fund their company as a separate entity because they were afraid of Microsoft's CE operating system, targeted at palm-sized computers. They killed this SGI division, then hired away the best technical brains from this company.

Now he works at TiVo, a personal digital television recorder, and he's again positioned against Microsoft. Microsoft continues to shovel ill-gotten operating system gains into their Ultimate TV division. They can afford to lose money for YEARS, virtually crushing innovative start ups like TiVo.

I first worked with Netscape and watched Microsoft crush them. And now I consult for Apple, and I resent, on a daily basis, that I'm forced to use a Microsoft browser and Word Processor and mail package. No Apple developer dares to enter these Microsoft-dominated markets, so we are stuck with the mediocre Microsoft software solutions indefinitely.

Thank God for Apple's innovation. So please don't give Microsoft license to kill Apple in the education sector.

Respectfully,
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